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This is Ruth Van Deman in Washington, and I have two items about clothes...

First the story of a coat that was badly burned and then mended. This story comes from Miss Nellie Gard, a home economics teacher at the University of Connecticut.

Here in front of me are the four pictures to show how new patches were skillfully woven into great big holes burned in the collar and back and other parts of this coat. It was a good all-wool tweed coat. And when this accident befell it, the owner hunted around to find a mender. Here's what he found. I'm quoting from Miss Gard's letter:

"The store from which the coat was bought quoted \$35.00 as the price for repair and another firm quoted \$30.00. A student and I did the mending at a cost of \$5.07. That was for the student's time. Back and top collar were done with reweave patches, from directions in the USDA bulletin, "Mending Men's Suits." All the wool fabric used came from two pocket flaps and the unburned portion of the small back facing. We exhibited the coat with the caption, "Save it--it's wool."

Now here before me is another picture. This one shows a very pretty girl wearing a smart white linen jacket over a red and white print dress. Last year this time this white linen jacket was white linen trousers. And the girl's husband had worn them for eight summers. But the trousers weren't worn out. The linen was still good and strong. He went to war and is wearing khaki now. So his wife ripped up the old white linen trousers and made herself the smart jacket to wear with summer dresses.

This picture of the girl in the linen jacket is one of many in another USDA bulletin. The title of this one is "Make-overs from Men's Suits." Copies are still available and they're free. And the same is true for the one on "Mending Men's Suits." If any of the Farm and Home Hour family want a copy of one or both of these bulletins just address a post card to "Home Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C." And I'll just repeat those titles again: "Make-overs from Men's Suits," and "Mending Men's Suits"--both free bulletins on how to keep clothes lasting.

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